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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CEYLON BY AAFLI REP

REF: COLOMBO 3264

1. ASIA-AMERICA FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) REP WHOLEY IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS WITH SRI LANKA TRADE UNIONS REGARDING TRADE UNION TRAINING COURSE AND SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS TO BE CONDUCTED IN SRI LANKA. ACCORDING TO WHOLEY IN-COUNTRY PROGRAMS CONCEIVABLY COULD COMMENCE AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY UNDER SUPERVISION AAFLI PERSONNEL. PROSPECTS FOR PROGRAMS AND THEIR TYPE AND TIMING WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON SOUNDINGS WHOLEY TAKES IN FORTHCOMING VISIT. WHOLEY IS ALSO CONSIDERING OFFER OF TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CEYLONESE TRADE UNIONIST TO HARVARD TRADE UNION SEMINAR NEXT SPRING AND VERY INFORMALLY MENTIONED BATTY WEERAKOON OF CEYLON FEDERATION OF LABOR AND ANTHONY MARCELLUS OF INDEPENDENT HARBOR WORKERS AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. WHOLEY IS AWARE OF SENSITIVITIES PARTICULARLY ON WEERAKOON.

2. WHOLEY HAS CALLED ON CEYLONESE EMBASSY OFFICERS (DHANAPALA AND MELDER) TO EXPLAIN HIS VISIT AS FOLLOW-ON
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COURTESY TO AAFLI DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE

PRIOR TO WHOLEY'S EARLIER VISIT. HE INFORMED CEYLONSE
SPECI?ICALLY OF POSSIBILITY FOR HARVARD SEMINAR PROGRAM.

3. WHOLEY SAYS IT NOT NECESSARY THAT HE BE MET ON ARRIVAL
BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEFING FROM
EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER. WE HAVE BRIEFED HIM IN GENERAL
TERMS ON CURRENT SLFP - LSSP POLITICAL DUST-UP.

4. AS EMBASSY AWARE AAFLI PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY AID. HOW-
EVER FUNDING IS ON REGIONAL BASIS UNDER "TASK ORDER NO.7"
ADMINISTERED BY AID/NESA BUREAU AND DOES NOT COME OUT OF
COUNTRY AID PROGRAM. INGERSOLL

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